

Durham Wildlife Trust Heart of Durham Task Force Volunteer

Bring your passion for wildlife and conservation and join our volunteer team at Durham Wildlife Trust as a Heart of Durham Volunteer



The Heart of Durham Project is a partnership organisation with Northumbrian Water. This means that 75% of our habitat management work is carried out on behalf of Northumbrian Water on their sites such as reservoirs, water and sewage treatment works. The other 25% of our conservation work is working on a landscape scale with farmers, land owners and community groups.

What's involved?

- Practical habitat management work is varied and includes scrub clearance, tree felling, sometimes burning, coppicing, tree planting, hedge laying, meadow raking, balsam control and bracken control.
- Construction work such as fencing, installation of bridges, steps and surfaced footpaths.
- A chance to get involved with survey work.

All the above is undertaken as part of a team of volunteers led by the Heart of Durham Project Officer Anne Porter.

What will you get out of it?

A chance to learn;

- New skills
- How to use a range of hand tools
- About habitat management and conservation for wildlife

Opportunities to;

- Gain practical management skills
- Access training
- Work as a valued member of a professional team
- Improve communication skills
- Develop your CV

But above all a chance to work out doors, get fit, meet new people, make friends and to work on some very beautiful sites not open to the public.

What skills do I need?

- An interest in and enthusiasm for wildlife
- Team worker
- Ability to follow instructions and adhere to Health & Safety procedures
- Good communication skills
- Reliable and hardworking
- Happy to work outside in all weather conditions

How much time should I give?

The Heart of Durham Project's Volunteer Task is on a Friday, but there is also opportunities to join the reserves team on another day too if you should wish.

Apply today by completing an online application form.

We'll contact you to discuss your application and the role in more detail, and answer questions.

Contact [Anne Porter](mailto:aporter@durhamwt.co.uk) on 01388 488740 or aporter@durhamwt.co.uk to find out more.

Our volunteers play an integral role in what we do, from the management of reserves to helping with administration duties. We are always looking for willing volunteers who share our passion for wildlife, conservation and broadening awareness.